

The WORLD'S NEWS In Tabloid Form

Investigation was made into charges that bribery of witnesses of the Comstock dynamite disaster in Jersey City had been attempted shortly after the explosion. Three men of the Norwegian bark Ingrid, which was shattered by the blast, are in the Jersey City hospital awaiting to tell the prosecutor of a well-dressed stranger who suggested to them that if they could testify they heard two explosions they could live in comfort without working for a year.

The machinery of the National Grange, an organization claiming a membership of 1,000,000 farmers in 30 states, has been started to defeat the ratification by congress of the Canadian reciprocity treaty.

The Missouri capital in Jefferson City was partially destroyed by fire. A shaft of lightning which struck the pinnacle of the capitol shortly before 8 o'clock started the blaze that burned the old pile. The loss to the building alone is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Colonel Rabago and his command of 300 federal soldiers entered the city of Juarez, Mexico, unmolested by the insurrectionist forces, and were received with joyful acclaim by the people of the city.

England is stirred as rarely before by the announcement that Dowager Queen Alexandra, widow of the late King Edward, would not attend the coronation. That is the latest move in the battle for social supremacy being waged by Queen Mary and the Dowager Queen Alexandra.

One of the hardest blows received by William Lorimer of Illinois was delivered when Senator Root (Rep.), New York, spoke in the senate in support of the contention that Lorimer was not elected properly.

The trial of State Senator Stanton C. Pemberton and former Representative Joseph S. Clark in Springfield, Ill., has been continued until the March term of the Sangamon circuit court. The special venire of 50 men ordered by Judge Thompson to appear in court was discharged.

Abdul Hamid, former sultan of Turkey, has gone violently insane, he killed two of his wives and is confined in irons.

Evidence of the new spirit of determination which has been aroused in the Vermilion county (Ill.) grand jury by the premature elation of the vote traffickers of its failure was afforded by its call for the names of every voter at the election of last spring and primary of last fall. Joseph H. Barnhardt, chairman of the board of election commissioners, was served with a subpoena duces tecum and appeared with the records.

Discovery that a hundred thousand pounds of unexploded dynamite is in the ruins at Jersey City wrought by the blowing up of 35,000 pounds of explosives, in which from thirty to forty persons perished and upwards of 500 were injured, caused experts in explosives to declare that lower Manhattan had escaped one of the greatest calamities of modern times.

A prison sentence of one year was imposed upon Edward F. Mylius in London after he was found guilty of criminally libeling King George. Mylius had published in the Liberator an assertion that the monarch, while Prince of Wales, had morganatically married a daughter of Admiral Seymour, and that several children had resulted from the union.

While the house was marching double quick to pass the Longworth-Dalzell compromise tariff board bill, President Taft issued an official threat to convene the Sixty-second congress in extra session soon after March 4 unless both the tariff board measure is passed and his Canadian reciprocity pact is ratified during the life of the expiring congress. The bill provides for a board of five members. The measure passed the house after a long evening session.

Near Charleston, Ark., Dick Wagoner, a farmer, shot and instantly killed Andrew Johnson. The trouble grew out of a dispute over the construction of a partnership rail fence separating their farms.

The house passed, by a vote of 279 to 43, the Kahn resolution designating San Francisco as the site for the Panama exposition. The resolution must be concurred in by the senate to settle the question finally, but it is not believed much opposition will be encountered in the upper body.

The Michigan legislature, by a vote of 44 to 55, defeated a resolution calling for the submission of the question of woman suffrage to the people in November, 1912. The measure required a two-thirds majority, 67 votes, to pass.

The Gallinger ship subsidy bill providing for South American and trans-Pacific subsidized mail routes had a close call in the senate, passing both the committee of the whole and the senate proper by votes of 40 to 39. The deciding vote in each case was cast by Vice-President Sherman.

Amid all the traditional pomp and dignity of past centuries, King George V. and Queen Mary opened parliament in London. No detail that would add to the splendor of the occasion was omitted, and it was the most important social and political event preceding the coronation.

The Evansville & Terre Haute railroad shops closed in Evansville, Ind., throwing 200 skilled mechanics out of employment. No announcement is made about reopening.

Three hundred and twenty-one persons were killed and 3,892 injured in railway train accidents during the months of July, August and September, according to a bulletin issued by the Interstate commerce commission. Accidents of other kinds, such as persons being run over by trains, brings the roll up to 3,948 killed and 1,398 injured, for the same period.

Prussia now has a population of 40,157,573, a gain of 5,685,064 in the past ten years, according to the census report.

C. S. Beattie, United States attorney at New Orleans, seems to have gotten the best of his controversy with Attorney General Wickersham in some New Orleans cases. Beattie refused to resign. Mr. Wickersham backed down from his position. After a long conference between Mr. Beattie and Wickersham at the department of justice it was announced that no change would be made in Beattie's office.

The Missouri capitol at Jefferson City was destroyed by fire, the cause of which is declared to have been a lightning stroke. The total loss will reach \$2,500,000. The greatest loss was to state records, which never can be replaced. The old building itself cost \$600,000. Nothing but the walls remain.

That there is no yellow fever aboard the gunboat Marletta was asserted positively by Joseph Y. Porter, superintendent of the state board of health and port quarantine officer at Key West, Fla., who visited the ship and made a careful diagnosis of the suspected cases.

The Memphis special between New York and Memphis, on the Southern, was wrecked at Lime Rock, Ala., killing Benjamin Jenkins of Chattanooga and William Billings of New York. Fifteen others were injured, one fatally. Officials of the road believe the train was wrecked by persons who wanted to rob the express and mail cars.

Juarez was proclaimed the provisional capital of the Mexican revolutionary government in resolutions adopted before its actual capture.

In Evansville, Ind., Charles Messel, 17 years old, confessed that he deliberately killed his 11-year-old sister because she had told a story implicating him and his father.

The commission recently appointed by County Judge Cantine to determine the sanity of Ewing Watterson, son of Col. Henry Watterson of Louisville, Ky., finds Watterson was in sane on July 1 last, when he shot Michael J. Martin at Sauerbrun, N. Y., and is still insane.

The scientists at Mount Wilson observatory, Los Angeles, Cal., have just taken a photograph of a celestial body nearly six billion miles away. According to their estimates the body is 5,865,096,000 miles from the earth. The wonder of it is that the body pictured is a new world being born, thrown off from a spiral nebula of 500,000,000,000 miles in diameter.

In his charge to the federal grand jury in Muskogee, Ok., Federal District Judge Campbell held that the "grandfather clause" election law of Oklahoma is void.

In an opinion rendered by Judge Patterson of the Appellate court of appeals, the law passed by the last session of the Maryland legislature, making the giving of trading stamps illegal, was declared unconstitutional.

Forty tons of dynamite exploded on the Jersey City water front in the midst of 5,000,000 people. Seven are known to have been killed, seven others are missing, hundreds wounded and varying reports leave from 15 to 20 more unaccounted for. The property loss is widespread and hardly will fall below \$750,000. Two bodies, believed to be those of members of the crew of the Catherine W., the barge on which the dynamite was being loaded, have been recovered.

Charles H. Millman, former member of the Missouri legislature and a well known politician, was shot and seriously wounded in his office in Kansas City. Millman said his brother-in-law, Charles Hayden, shot five times at him. Three bullets took effect. Hayden has not been arrested. Millman was executor of the estate of Hayden's father.

Charles Boston, the wealthy New York Chinese who disappeared before customs inspectors made a raid on the "tea store" in Seventh avenue, in which \$15,000 worth of opium and records in the Elsie Sigel murder case were seized, was arrested as he was coming out of the headquarters of the On Leon Tong, at No. 14 Mott street, by United States agents.

Joe McElroy, a negro, who shot and killed Henry Sheers, a merchant at Wenter, Ark., after calling him to his front door, was captured by Sheriff Gean and rushed to the Pine Bluff jail for safekeeping.

Admitting he had murdered 18 persons, two of whom were women, Bionisco Martinez, who has been hunted 25 years by two nations, and who led outlaw bands on both sides of the Rio Grande, killing several officers, and was himself shot several times, was jailed in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

BRITISH LEADERS DENOUNCE TREATY

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT ALTERS ENGLAND'S HISTORY, IS CLAIM.

SEES COMING DISASTER

Proposed Arrangement Held Up at National Calamity by Balfour, Whose Statement is Ridiculed by MacDonald.

London, Eng.—Both Lord Lansdowne in the house of lords and A. J. Balfour in the house of commons the respective leaders of the opposition, took occasion to denounce the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada, at the opening session of parliament.

Speaking in the house of lords on the reply to the speech from the throne, Lord Lansdowne characterized the agreement as "the most momentous departure in the history of Canada and the British empire."

It meant, he said, a diminution of the advantages enjoyed by British trade under the preference now given by Canada and also the defection of wheat supplies to the United States. "The whole history of the empire is surely altered," he declared, "if the great dominions are encouraged to develop, not on national and imperial lines, but in accordance with geographical conditions."

In the house of commons, Mr. Balfour referred to the proposed arrangement on much the same lines as did Lord Lansdowne. He said that if it was carried out it would have the most disastrous consequences for the future of the empire.

For years, he said, Canada had offered trade preference to this country, and the British government deliberately had indicated nothing in the way of preference could be given in return. Canada, therefore, could not be blamed for looking elsewhere.

RICH, HE QUITTS MINISTRY

Centralia (Ill.) Pastor Will Become Director of Large Corporation.

Centralia, Ill.—Rev. H. Booth Hansen, pastor of the First Baptist church, one of this city's most prominent ministers, resigned and announced he was going to leave the ministry and live in Sharon, Pa., where his father-in-law, S. F. Stombaugh, had left him an estate of \$100,000 and a real estate business.

Rev. Mr. Hansen also becomes a director in the United States Engineering and Manufacturing company of Pittsburgh.

LAND GRAB IN ILLINOIS

Public Domain Loses \$250,000,000 to Private Interests, Is Claim of Chipfield Commission.

Springfield, Ill.—Land estimated to be worth \$250,000,000 has been "grabbed" from the public domain of Illinois by private interests, according to the report of the Chipfield commission on submerged lands, ready for presentation to the legislature.

This sum will be doubled, however, in the opinion of the members of the commission, if the inquiry is extended to cover all navigable lakes, rivers and coast lines in the state.

LORIMER NOT TO RESIGN

His Resignation Would Be a Confession of Guilt, Illinois Senator Says.

Washington, D. C.—Senator William Lorimer of Illinois will stick to his seat in the senate and compel his colleagues to decide whether he is entitled to it.

He denied the report that he intended to resign. "My resignation will be a confession of guilt and I will not resign under any circumstances," he declared.

COFFIN STACKS BURNED

Authorities Destroy Total of 6,000 Bodies to Check Spread of Disease in Harbin, Manchuria.

Harbin, Manchuria.—Already nearly 6,000 bodies of victims of the plague have been burned or buried in the outskirts of Harbin. Forty-eight hundred of these came from the Chinese town and a thousand from the Russian quarter. In one day 16 stacks of coffins and seven pits filled with bodies and oiled logs blazed outside the town.

Young Will Vote to Unseat Lorimer. Des Moines, Ia.—Senator Lafayette Young announced that he would vote to unseat Senator William Lorimer and that he would vote for the constitutional amendment for election of senators by direct vote.

Taft Appointment Turned Down. Washington, D. C.—The nomination by the president of Elmer B. Colwell to be United States marshal to Oregon was rejected by the senate committee on judiciary at the request of both the Oregon senators.

MISSOURI NEWS

Engine Sparks Cause Big Suit. Rich Hill.—Suit has been filed in the Bates county circuit court against the Missouri Pacific Railroad company for \$237,500 damages. J. C. Simpson, the complainant, alleges that on the night of January 29, 1906, sparks from defendant's locomotives set fire to a mill and elevator he owned and destroyed them. This is the largest damage suit ever brought in the Bates county court.

Judge's Title Questioned. Jefferson City.—The title to the office of circuit judge of the Thirty-second judicial circuit, composed of Franklin, Gasconade and Osage counties, was called into question through proceedings filed in the supreme court by Attorney General Major at the instance of R. S. Ryor of Linn, former judge of the circuit.

Twins at State Secretary's Home. Jefferson City.—Cornelius Roach, secretary of state, joined Col. Roosevelt's chosen people when the stork presented Mrs. Roach with twins. This generosity on the part of the Rooseveltian bird gives Mr. Roach the honor of having increased the state's census twelve points during his married.

State Balance \$3,144,612.02. Jefferson City.—A balance in the state treasury at the close of business Jan. 31 amounted to \$3,144,612.02. The balance at the close of December was \$1,828,546.25 and the receipts for the month just closed amounted to \$1,737,188.68, while the disbursements for the same period were \$122,122.91.

Boonville Gets Cob Pipe Factory. Boonville.—At a mass meeting of citizens, the remainder of a bonus of \$25,000 was subscribed to get the Phoenix American Cob Pipe factory, now at Washington, Mo., to locate in Boonville. As soon as a site is selected, work on a four-story brick building will be commenced.

Normal School's Oratorical Contest. Cape Girardeau.—Seven contestants from four literary societies of the Normal tried for the annual oratorical medal. First and second honors went to Clyde C. Harrison and Rush H. Limbaugh. They will represent Cape Girardeau in the international normal contest in February.

Bill for James Dam Passed. Washington, D. C.—The house has passed, without opposition, the bill authorizing the construction of a dam across the James river in Stone county, Missouri. The purpose of the dam is to divert a portion of the water of the stream through a tunnel to create electric power.

New Paper for Montgomery City. Montgomery City.—Former Probate Judge Leslie Ellis of this city announces that on March 7 he will start a new Republican paper in Montgomery City to take the place of the Tribune, which was recently sold to the Florence Leader.

Former Legislator Is Shot. Kansas City.—Charles Millman, formerly a representative in the Missouri legislature and now manager of a novelty company in Kansas City, was shot twice and probably fatally injured while in his office. The wounded man, who is 53 years old, was taken to a hospital.

Diocese Change Is Opposed. Mexico.—Catholics of this section are opposing the reported plan to change 14 counties of the St. Louis diocese to that of St. Joseph. At a meeting here of nine priests of various parishes of north Missouri, the change was opposed unanimously.

Over-State Trolley Staked. Montgomery City.—Chief Engineer Station of the Kansas City-St. Louis Electric railway is now working in Montgomery and Warren counties with his force of surveyors, establishing the final route of this cross-state road.

Smallpox in Carthage Jail. Carthage.—Smallpox broke out in the county jail in Carthage and County Physician K. E. Baker has ordered that the incarceration of prisoners cease. There are 110 prisoners in the county jail.

Negro Forger Is Paroled. Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley granted a parole to William Marshall, a negro, who was convicted in Monroe county, December, 1908, of forging a check.

Jackson Herald Moved to Cape. Cape Girardeau.—The Jackson Herald, weekly Republican paper, has been moved from Jackson to this city. It will be known as the Cape County Herald.

Assessors Meet Feb. 22. Springfield.—The Missouri Assessors' association will hold its annual convention in Springfield February 22 to 24. The program is being arranged by J. W. Tiffin, assessor of Green county.

Bridge Row Halts Canals. Warrensburg.—The Blackwater Drainage Canal company and the contractors digging the canals were restrained from cutting the canals through public roads which cross the line of canal survey.

Acts of the Missouri Law Makers.

Offers Home to Law Makers. The offer of Mayor E. G. Lewis to house the legislature in the Magazine building and adjoining modern structures in University City until a new capitol can be built cannot be opposed on the ground of illegality. Elliott W. Major, attorney general for the state, announced that, in his opinion, the only legal formality necessary is the adoption of a joint and concurrent resolution by both the house and senate. This resolution, at the proper time, could be supplemented by additional legislation by which the permanent site of the capitol would be determined.

Wants Immigration Commission. An amendment to the Missouri immigration law is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Kirk Hawkins of Springfield. The Hawkins bill, which represents the views of G. M. Sebre, chairman of the present board, provides for the appointment by the governor of four members, two Democrats and two Republicans, all of whom shall serve without pay. The members shall have the appointment of a chief commissioner at \$2,500 a year.

Appropriation Bills Asked. Jefferson City.—Three general appropriation bills will reach Governor Hadley for his approval. One appropriates \$500,000 for the assessment and collection of the revenue, including the expenses of the state board of equalization; the second appropriates money for the payment of interest on the school certificates of indebtedness, and the third appropriates one-third of all the state revenue to the public schools.

Would Enlarge Commission. Jefferson City.—A bill for a nonpartisan board of immigration commissioners was introduced in the senate by Senator Hawkins of Greene county. It provides for a commission composed of four members to be appointed by the governor, only half of whom shall belong to the same party. The commissioners are empowered to name an immigration agent at a salary of \$2,500 a year. No salary is provided for the commissioners.

Fixes Full Responsibility. Jefferson City.—The senate committee on railroads submitted a favorable report on a bill, introduced by Senator Carter of Clark, which prohibits the exacting by a railroad company of a contract with a shipper in which the latter is to receive less damages for his shipment in case it is lost or destroyed than the shipment is worth.

Sliger Contest Dismissed. The house committee on elections made a report sustaining John M. Bailey, Republican member of the legislature from Atchison county, in his election and dismissing the contest proceedings instituted by James H. Sliger, his Democratic opponent. Bailey was elected by a plurality of one.

Both Fare Bills Get O. K.'s. The senate committee on railroads reported favorably the bill by Senator Carter empowering the railroad commission to fix passenger rates within the maximum established by law. The house committee reported the same measure by Phelps favorably in that body.

Kills Ancient Egg Bill. The senate committee on public health turned down the bill which barred the sale of over-ripe hen eggs in Missouri. An army of egg dealers from St. Louis and Kansas City appeared before the committee and argued for a favorable report on the measure.

University City Is Boomed. A boom is being worked up here for University City as the site for a new state capitol, to cost \$5,000,000. A concurrent resolution will be introduced in the senate and house shortly submitting a constitutional amendment with this end in view.

Wants Only Men in Breweries. Senator Brogan of St. Louis believes that a brewery is no place for minors. He introduced a bill prohibiting anyone less than 21 years of age from working in a brewery.

Auto Speed Bill Is Passed. Only six votes were cast against the passage of the Hull automobile bill in the house Tuesday. The measure fixes the speed limit in Missouri at 25 miles. The present limit is 15.

New Agricultural Schools. Senator Buford introduced a bill to establish four branch agricultural schools, one at Joplin, another at Macon and others at Stanberry and Ellington.

Income Tax Is Opposed. The Phelps constitutional amendment to impose an income tax on every wage earner in the state was adversely reported by the house committee on constitutional amendments. This virtually means the death of the measure.

Simrall's Memory Honored. After a session lasting less than one hour, the senate adjourned out of respect to the memory of former State Senator H. F. Simrall of Clay county, who died at his home.

The Selfish View. "Do you want cheaper postage?" "I don't know," replied the men who considers only his own interests. "I don't write many letters myself, and I don't see why I should be eager to make it easier for the men who send me bills."

Disapproving Constituents. "How is your member of congress spending the holidays?" "Doing nothing at home instead of in Washington."

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